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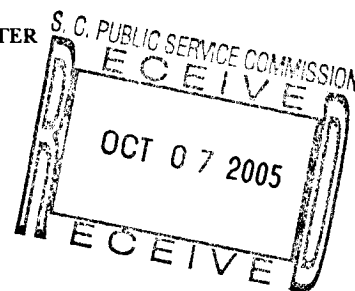
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
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Docket No. 2005-292-C - Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Incorporated for Review of NXX Code Denial in the Charleston Rate Center

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The Office of Regulatory Staff has reviewed the above referenced Petition and finds that the public interest will be served by granting BellSouth's Petition. Our review revealed that the North America Numbering Plan Administration's denial of BellSouth request for additional numbering resources will impact the operations of Trident Medical Center, LLC dba Trident Health System as it expands its health care services in the Charleston area. ORS supports BellSouth request for reversal of the NANPA's denial of additional numbering resources and for assignment of three consecutive thousand number blocks in the Charleston, South Carolina rate center.

Sincerely,

  
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